

Dr.. William Stokes, Director
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Dear Dr. Stokes:

I was very encouraged to learn about the recent workshop held by the NIEHS which addressed the feasibility of replacing the animal Lethal Dose-50 tests.

I have long been a vehement opponent of this horrendously inhumane and, for the most part, flawed toxicity test. According to the research that I have read, In Vitro study methods for toxicity testing have been successfully used by many sources for the past several decades. As an animal rights advocate, I have been very much in favor of a phasing out of the use of live animals where non-animal methods can be employed with the same or more effective results.

I deeply and sincerely hope that your agency seriously considers making significant efforts to replace the cruel and abusive Lethal Dose 50 testing with non-animal In Vitro methods.

Your successful conversion to cruelty-free toxicity research methods will be a landmark effort to help make this a kinder, more humane world for all sentient creatures!

Most Respectfully Yours,
Annie Peacock-Stewart